

Regulations

- Temporary blinds only; blinds and decoys must be removed by 1:00 pm.
- No overnight camping.
- Waterfowl hunters may access the refuge two hours before day light.
- Hunting by aid of or distributing any grain, feed, or other bait is prohibited.
- Possession of alcohol and/or glass containers is prohibited.
- No weapons allowed except during refuge hunts.
- Waterfowl hunting is restricted to **shotguns** only. Shotguns must be unloaded and either dismantled or encased when transported in vehicles and boats while on the refuge.
- Only shotguns shooting approved non toxic shot and .22 rimfire (no .22 magnums) are permitted
- All boats and uses must conform with U.S. Coast Guard and state regulations.
- Collection of artifacts, plants and animals is prohibited.
- Retrievers are allowed for waterfowl hunting. However, all dogs are required to wear a collar displaying the owner's name, address, and telephone number.
- No open fires.
- ATV's and horses are prohibited.
- Motorized vehicles are prohibited off designated roads.
- Unpaved roads will be closed during wet conditions to prevent rutting of roads.

Waterfowl hunting is allowed in the area indicated on the map. No hunting is allowed within 100 yards of any public building, public road, walking trail or boardwalk.

Waterfowl Season: Refuge will be open in Alabama and Mississippi in accordance with each states' season with the following conditions.

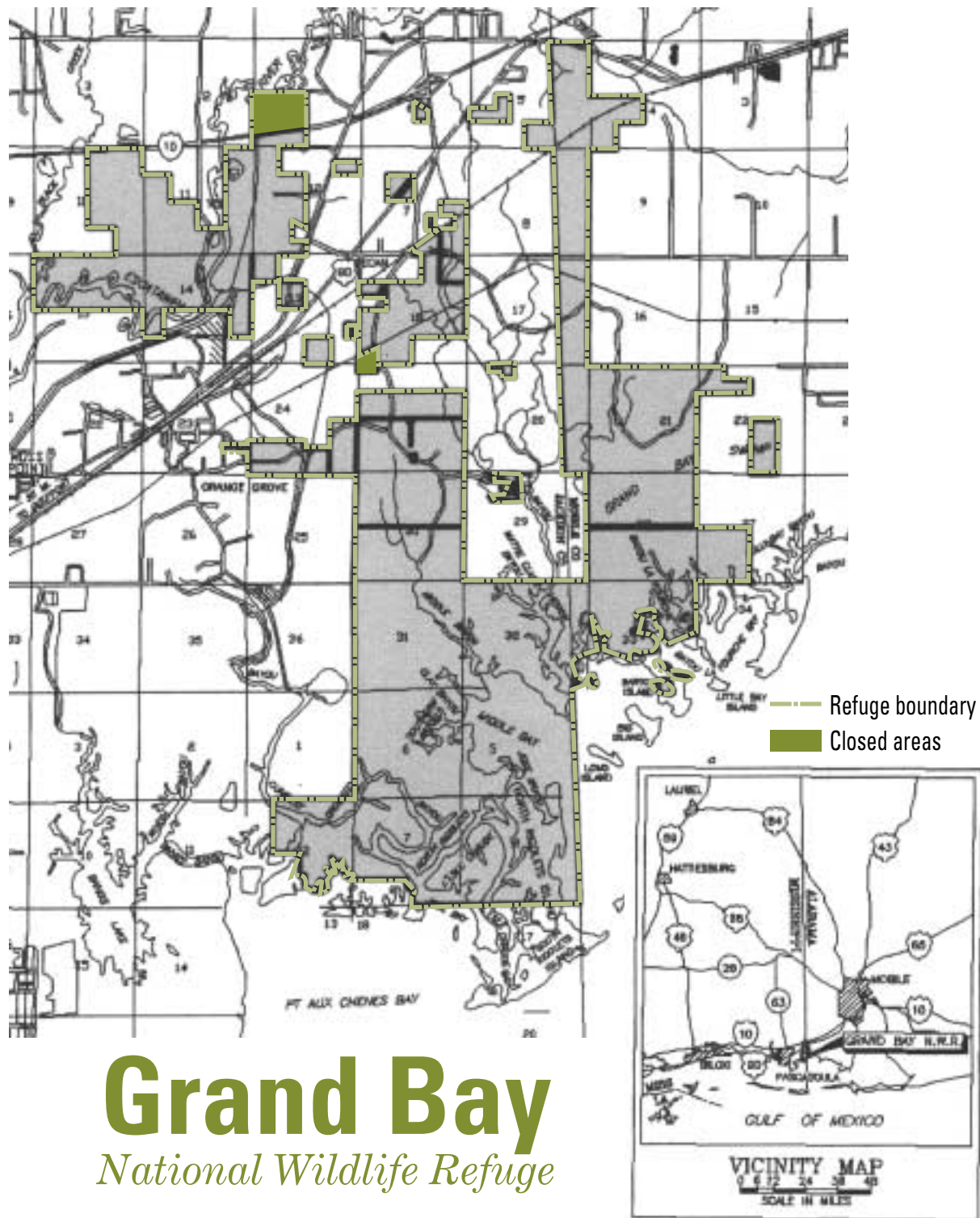
Waterfowl hunting will be allowed on Grand Bay NWR in the area indicated on the map. Hunting will be allowed from sunrise to noon on Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. All decoys must be retrieved by 1:00 pm. No permanent blinds are allowed. Federally approved non toxic shot is required for all waterfowl hunts. Dogs are allowed to retrieve birds.

Big Game Season: Refuge will be open to deer hunting with bow and arrow only during the state hunting seasons for both Alabama and Mississippi. No crossbows allowed.

History

Grand Bay National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) is one of over 536 National Wildlife Refuges managed as part of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Refuge System. Grand Bay NWR was established in 1992 under the Emergency Wetlands Resources act of 1986 to protect one of the largest expanses of undisturbed pine savanna habitats in the Gulf Coastal Plain region.

The regulations listed in this brochure supplement the general regulations which govern hunting on refuge areas as set forth in Title 50, Code of Federal Regulations. State bag limits, arms, ammunition and other applicable State laws and regulations apply.



No permanent stands allowed. Hunting with the aid of bait is prohibited. The use of dogs is prohibited. The use of poisonous arrows is prohibited. Organized deer drives are prohibited.

Small Game Season: Refuge will be open for squirrel in Alabama and Mississippi in accordance with each states' season. Shotguns using number two or smaller shot size are allowed. All shotgun shells must be federally approved non toxic shot. The use of .22 caliber rimfire is allowed for squirrel hunting only. The use of dogs is prohibited.

Attention: Hunters are required to have a valid hunting licence for the state in which they are hunting.

Access

The refuge is located in Mobile County, Alabama and Jackson County Mississippi and when complete will encompass over 20,000 acres. The boundary of this refuge changes frequently as land acquisition continues. Access to refuge lands (especially interior portions) is limited but is available mostly on the Mississippi side and by boat.

Hunters are cautioned that travel by boat to the refuge may be hazardous due to rough water, fog and swells from ships and crew boats further out in the gulf.



Signs and Boundaries

It is the responsibility of each hunter to know where they are at all times. This sign indicates refuge lands beyond it.

Please respect private property and avoid trespass.

Hunters under the age of 16 must have passed a State approved hunter education course, **must be supervised** by an adult 21 years of age or older and must remain in sight and normal voice contact with the adult. The adult may supervise no more than two youths.

Littering is strictly prohibited.

Permits are required for all hunters.

Legal Shooting Hours

Early Teal: State season Mississippi-Alabama, 30 minutes before sunrise to noon Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday.

Waterfowl (ducks, coots and geese): State season Mississippi-Alabama, 30 minutes before **sunrise to noon** Saturday, Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday. In accepting this brochure, hunter concedes right of inspection of game bag, hunting coat, etc., as provided for by State law, to Refuge Officers and State Conservation Officers.

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National Wildlife Refuge Waterfowl Hunting Regulations 2002-2003



Grand Bay Refuge Hunting Permit 2002-2003

When signed and in your possession this brochure serves as your permit for all refuge hunts and acknowledges your understanding of the regulations contained herein.

I have read and understand these refuge regulations.

Signature (permits are not transferable)

Expires June 30, 2003

Season dates and bag limits may vary between states. A valid state hunting license, refuge permit, and identification, are required to be carried on person by hunters.